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"ULKU OCAKLARI" OFFICES AS STUDENT VIOLENCE CON-
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1. ON DEC. 25, LOCAL PRESS REPORTED IZMIR 2ND CRIMINAL COURT
ORDERED "TEMPORARY SUSPENSION" IN ACTIVITIES OF IZMIR BRANCH
OFFICE ULKU OCAKLARI AND BORNOVA BUYUK ULKU DERNEGI (BOTH
RIGHTIST NAP-AFFILIATED ORGANIZATIONS) PENDING COMPLETION OF
INVESTIGATION INTO ACTIVITIES OF 2 GROUPS. SUSPENSION CON-

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NECTED WITH 1/12/76 INCIDENT INVOLVING 150 ULKU OCAKLARI MEMBERS
WHO ATTEMPTED OCCUPY AEGEAN UNIVERSITY SCIENCE FACULTY (SEE
IZMIR 09)
2. IZMIR PUBLIC PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE REPORTEDLY SEIZED ALL
RECORDS AND AVAILABLE PAPERS OF BOTH ORGANIZATIONS AND CON-
SIDERING ACTION AGAINST LEADERS (UNSPECIFIED) OF 2 GROUPS.
3. IN OTHER NEWS RELATED TO ULKU OCAKLARI, DEC. 24 EDITION
DEMOKRAT IZMIR (LOCAL LEFTIST DAILY) REPORTED STATEMENT OF
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IZMIR GOVERNOR TURGUT EGILMEZ WHICH PAPER HEADLINED AS
"GOVERNOR OF IZMIR SPEAKS AS IF HE WERE PRESIDENT OF ULKU
OCAKLARI". APPARENTLY REFERRING RECENT STUDENT CLASHES.
EGILMEZ REPORTEDLY STATED "THERE IS A TENDENCY TO PUT ALL THE
BLAME ON ULKUCU STUDENTS" AND POINTED OUT ONE RECENT VICTIM
OF STUDENT VIOLENCE WAS A RIGHTIST "MURDERED BY TWO LEFTISTS"

(SEE REFTEL). (DESPITE THESE REPORTED STATEMENTS, GOVERNOR HAS IN PAST PERFORMED SUCH EVEN-HANDED ACTIONS AS SENDING LETTER OF APPRECIATION TO LOCAL JANDARMA CAPTAIN WHO WAS REASSIGNED EARLIER THIS YEAR AFTER CRITICISM OF BEING TOO SOFT ON STUDENT DEMONSTRATORS, PARTICULARLY LEFTISTS).

4. CONSULATE GENERAL STAFF MEMBER OBTAINED HANDOUT DISTRI-

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BUTED BY SUPPORTERS OF "IZMIR BRANCH OFFICE OF ULKU OCAKLARI" IN FRONT AEGEAN UNIVERSITY ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL FACULTY ON 12/23/76 WHICH ACCUSED "SERVANTS OF MOSCOW-CHINA IMPERIALISM" OF ATTACKING ULKUCU STUDENTS. HANDOUT HIT HEAVILY AT DANGERS OF COMMUNISM AND ONE SLOGAN CRITICIZED BOTH "THE IMPERIALIST SUPERSTATES, THE CAPITALISTS AND COMMUNISTS".

5. COURT ACTION COUPLED WITH EARLIER DEFENSIVE LANGUAGE USED BY EGILMEZ AND COUNTER ACCUSATIONS AGAINST LEFTISTS BY BOTH EGILMEZ AND ULKU OCAKLARI'S IZMIR BRANCH INDICATE HEIGHTENING OF TENSION IN RIGHTIST-LEFTIST CONFRONTATION. AS INDICATED REFTEL, POLICE (AND COURTS) NOW SEEM DETERMINED TO GET TOUGH WITH MORE VIOLENT ACTIVISTS.

6. IN ANOTHER VIOLENT INCIDENT OUTSIDE IZMIR AT ORTAKLAR TRAINING INSTITUTE ON DEC. 24 (TEACHER TRAINING SCHOOL NEAR AYDIN) RIVAL RIGHTIST AND LEFTIST FACTIONS REPORTEDLY FOUGHT USING CLUBS, STONES AND CHAINS. ACCORDING LOCAL PRESS, 7 STUDENTS INJURED AND 8 TAKEN INTO CUSTODY IN INCIDENT, CAUSE OF WHICH STILL UNKNOWN.

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